Theft of vehicles in Delhi

831. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "Lots of theft, park at your peril" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what is the total number of vehicles stolen in NCT of Delhi during the last one year;

(c) how many vehicles have so far been traced and handed over to the owners; and

(d) whether police has shown incompetence in handling cases relating to theft of vehicles and if so, what are the future plans of Delhi Police to track down culprits immediately on filing FIR for thefts of vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 7402 vehicles were stolen during the period from 1st December, 2002 and 30th November, 2003 from the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Out of these, 1364 vehicles have been recovered and 1278 handed over to the owners so far.

(d) No, Sir. The steps taken by Delhi Police to check auto theft in the Capital include formation of Anti-Auto Theft Squad in each district; exercising proper vigilance at the border check posts; deployment of policemen in plain-clothes to collect intelligence; collection of data regarding auto-lifters; deployment of decoy vehicles to nab the auto lifters; and exchange of intelligence with neighbouring States.

Expenditure on Anti-Terrorism activities in the country

832. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated expenditure to the Exchequer for anti-terrorism activities undertaken in various parts of the country;

(b) what steps are being taken to procure modern equipments to combat terrorists who have the latest technology to strike terror in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to give latest training techniques to the forces to contain terrorism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) To tackle terrorism in the country, a huge expenditure is incurred by the Central and State Governments on defence mechanisms, raising of additional security forces, their modernization and training, border fencing, purchase of modern weaponry and rehabilitation of terrorist victims etc. Since the expenditure relates to numerous items at various levels, it is not possible to exactly quantify it.

(b) The MHA has been providing the State Police forces/CPMFs with the funds/modern equipment under the scheme of Modernization of the State Police forces and other schemes for CPMFs.

(c) and (d) Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) has been engaged in arranging training of Police personnel of State Police forces and Central Police Organizations in the country. Specialized courses are arranged for the police personnel to equip them with the latest training techniques in the country as well as abroad to contain terrorism.

Deployment of CRPF in Kashmir

†833. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are deploying jawans of Central Reserve Polie Force by withdrawing jawans of Army and Border Security Force from interior areas of Srinagar, Anantnag and Baramulla; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Group of Ministers (GOM) on reforming the National Security System, *inter-alia*, recommended that Internal Security (IS)/Counter Insurgency (CI) duties, should be entrusted to CRPF and Rashtriya Rifles and the Army and Border Guarding Forces should be reverted to their primary role. Action has accordingly been initiated to replace BSF deployed on IS/CI duties by CRPF in a phased manner.

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